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## SEN. TAN SPEAKS

## HOW CANTON REGARDS SITUATION.

## TIME FOR ACTION.

An important statement on the Chinese political situation was made by General Tan Yen-kai, the chairman of the Canton Committee of Political Affairs, at its last weekly meeting. This declaration was made a few days before the news of the Kuomintang retreat from Peking.

In the course of his speech, General Tan said:—"In reviewing the political situation for the past week, although the Kuomintang has not yet retired from Peking, it appears that the indications point in the direction that it will be but a matter of days before its entire forces will retire to Nankow, since Chang Chi-kiang is now sick and Li Chung-lin is in negotiation with Wu Pei-fu. Peking may therefore fall into the hands of Chang Tso-jin and Wu Pei-fu. To me, such a situation, in the hands of two men of opposite temperaments, cannot last long, and they will no doubt resort to arms to settle their differences.

As regards Honan, the two trusty Generals of Wu Pei-fu, Kow Ying-kit and Kan Wang-ho have been at variance with each other, and are now in open opposition. Position and power in Honan, it is said, is the bane of contention between these two Generals. As to the Yangtze Valley, the aspect of the political situation there has undergone somewhat of a change, since we have received reliable information that Sun Chuan-fang is now regretting that he ever assisted Wu Pei-fu to drive out Fong Poon-yan from the Tunganship of Kiangsi, from the fact that one of his generals, Chan Tiao-yuan, has gone over to the side of Wu Pei-fu, and that in the event of new developments which are likely to come to pass soon, this General, and perhaps others, will turn their arms against Sun Chuan-fang. Viewed from this aspect, if we should strike out now, we shall have a great prospect of success, even with Tang Yu-derk at the head of the Kiangsi forces. I do not hesitate to say that Tang Yu-derk cannot make a strong resistance against us.

Concerning Tang Sung-che, of whom I have nothing to add to what had said at the previous meeting. He is on the same level as all those who have succeeded in power and rested in their laurels, employing his energies and effort to preserve that power.

During the course of a search, a glass-jar was found containing some substance supposed to be composed of gunpowder and other highly explosive ingredients. The article has been sent to the Government Laboratory for analysis, and meanwhile the three tenants who were arrested in the raid are being held for examination.

The raid was carried out in accordance with information previously received.

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## CHINESE PROPAGANDISTS IN SINGAPORE.

## POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN SCHOOLS.

## GOVERNMENT ACTION.

## SHIPS COLLIDE.

## HEAD-ON SMASH NEAR HONGKONG.

## FOG INCIDENT.

Travelling through a thick fog near Cape Chilang, or Chilang Point, early yesterday morning, the Hongkong-bound steamer *Yatshing*, of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's fleet, collided almost head-on with the *s.s. Tacoma Maru* and both vessels were badly, if not dangerously damaged.

Chilang Point is some eighty odd miles out of Hongkong on the way to Swatow. The *Tacoma Maru*, which is more than double the size of the *Yatshing*, cleared for Shanghai at about four o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and since the collision she has wirelessed the local branch of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha to the effect that she sustained damage to her forepeak and was leaking, but was proceeding on her way to Shanghai.

The *Yatshing*, which was carrying over a thousand tons of cargo at the time, steamed slowly into Hongkong shortly after six o'clock last night. It was obvious that she had been in a serious collision. Her stem was badly buckled, and her bow plates damaged. She appeared to have taken the force of the impact about ten feet above the water line and her stem at this point had been driven right in, so that her anchors had been brought almost together.

The officers declined to volunteer any statement when a *Telegraph* representative visited the vessel, which is at her usual anchorage alongside Jardine's Wharf, except to the effect that she had not been making water.

From the nature of the damage it would appear that the vessels struck starboard to starboard.

The master of the *Yatshing*, Capt. James S. Masson, says in his report at the Harbour Office that the collision occurred at 5.26 a.m. The *Yatshing* is a vessel of 2,284-ton gross, while the *Tacoma Maru* is given as 5,850 ton gross. We are informed that the *Yatshing* will probably go into dock this afternoon.

## "BOMB" DISCOVERED.

## THREE ARRESTS MADE.

## CHINESE DIES FROM INJURIES.

On Saturday night, at about 10 o'clock, police officers from the Bay View Police Station raided No. 24, Yee Moo Street, Causeway Bay, and arrested three men, subsequent to their discovery in an upper floor, of what appears to be a bomb.

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## PRISONER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

## UNABLE TO APPEAR AT TRIAL.

## LEGS AMPUTATED.

As a result of a prisoner's alleged attempt to commit suicide, which necessitated his removal to hospital in a serious condition, Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg made an application for the trial to be postponed, before Mr. Justice Wood, at the Criminal Sessions this morning. The prisoner is being held on a charge of murdering a clansman on February 17th, after an alleged quarrel on the previous day, at 4, Sun Street.

Mr. Hazlerigg explained that the prisoner was committed for trial on March 26th, and on April 2nd, while in Victoria Gaol, he made what appeared to be a deliberate attempt to commit suicide. The man was still in the Government Civil Hospital, and it had been

## PEKING OUTLOOK.

## Tuan Wishes to Retire.

Peking, April 18.

Tuan Chi-jui has sent identical telegrams to Chang Tso-lin, Wu Pei-fu and Sun Hsia-shan requesting immediate measures for the reconstruction of the Government,

as he desires to retire as soon as possible into private life.

Chang Hsueh-liang and Chang Tsung-chang, who left for Peking yesterday, have halted at Haungtung to which place Tuan Chi-jui sent a delegate this morning.

Fengtien troops are holding the gates of Peking, and Chang Hsueh-liang has intimated his desire that Tang Chi-tao's Division should leave the capital.—Reuter.

found necessary to amputate one leg above the knee, and the other above the ankle. According to the Medical Officer's report, the man was still in considerable danger, and Dr. Valentine said it was almost certain he would not be able to stand his trial for at least two months. Under those circumstances, he suggested that the trial be postponed if possible to the June Sessions.

His Lordship said he would do that, and also granted an application for respite of the recognizances of witnesses.

## EUROPEAN PROSECUTOR.

## OPIUM IN SERVANTS' QUARTERS.

The odour of opium coming from the servants' quarters of No. 14 Humphreys Building, the residence of Mr. Colbourne Little, resulted in a report being made to the police. The premises were subsequently raided and the cook arrested with five candlesticks of prepared opium in his possession. The police also discovered on the premises the cook's son and a friend.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the cook was charged with unlawful possession of opium whilst the two outsiders were arraigned on charges of trespassing.

The defendants all pleaded guilty to their respective offences.

In the case of the cook's son, Mr. Little said that he had formerly been employed by the complainant, but was dismissed for dishonesty and warned that he was not to return to the house under any circumstances.

The first defendant was fined \$25 for being in possession of the opium. The son and the third defendant were fined \$10 each.

## AIR CRASH.

## TWO BRITISH OFFICERS KILLED.

## SPAIN'S REGRETS.

Rugby, April 18. Two British Airmen, Squadron Leader Tweedie (son of Mrs. Alice Tweedie the well-known authoress) and Flight Lieutenant Wallace have been killed in an air crash in Palestine.

It is understood that these airmen, with others of the Royal Air Force Squadron, at Annam, had been flying over the desert for some days in search of the two missing Spanish aviators—Captain Estevez, leader of the Madrid to Manila flying exhibition and his mechanic. Both have now been found in an exhausted state many miles separating them from one another and from their machine.

High tributes are paid in the Spanish Press to the persistence of the British efforts which were thus ultimately successful and sincere condolences have been officially received regarding the sad fate that has overtaken the officers Tweedie and Wallace.—British Wireless.

## SIX DAYS IN BARREN COUNTRY.

Cairo, April 18.

The rescued Spanish aviator Estevez is progressing and desires to continue his flight. He said he was forced to land owing to lack of petrol, after ineffectual endeavours to strike the Bagdad track.

Eight British machines were engaged in the search. Before leaving here, the Spaniards were warned by the Royal Air Force to take three days supplies of food and water, and it is thanks to that advice that Estevez is alive, after six days in a barren country.

As it was, he and his mechanic were only rescued in the nick of time. Their trials were aggravated by a two-day sandstorm.

King Alfonso has cabled the R.A.F. expressing appreciation of their admirable work and deplored the loss of the two British aviators.—Reuter.

## THE HOTEL THEFT.

## MISSING MONEY RECOVERED.

Further information is supplied by the police regarding the case of larceny, involving the large sum of \$10,600, reported by a Chinese diamond dealer from Canton.

A fakir of the merchant, who accompanied him from Canton, is suspected of having stolen this sum, which was made up of notes of large denominations drawn not many hours previously from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The money was left in the pocket of the merchant's long coat, and this coat was on the hook on the wall in the merchant's room at the Great Eastern Hotel where the sum was missed last Friday.

The latest development in the case is that the whole of the stolen amount has been recovered, in a house at West Point, where both the merchant and his employee were staying the night before the robbery.

The case will receive the attention of the Magistrate in due course.

## ARMS ON "LYCAON."

## COOK CHARGED IN COURT.

The cook of the s.s. *Lycaon*, who was arrested in possession of 50 revolvers, eight Mauser pistols, three Luger pistols and 5,904 rounds of ammunition, was formally charged before Mr. J. H. D'Neill at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

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## RETURN OF LORD BEADING.

## EX-VICEROY GIVEN WARM WELCOME.

## INDIAN PROGRESS.

Rugby, April 18. The official welcome which was extended to Lord and Lady Reading on their return to London yesterday after five years in India, where Lord Reading has been Ex-Viceroy, was marked by extreme cordiality.

Special representatives of the King and Queen and of the Prime Minister awaited them on the platform together with host of relatives and friends, and several members of the Cabinet including Lord Birkenhead, Secretary for India; the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Amery; and the Attorney General, Sir Douglas Hogg. A large number of well-known Indians and Anglo-Indians were also of the company. One Indian lady provided a garland of choice flowers with which Lady Reading was decorated, and many other beautiful bouquets were offered.

The unofficial welcome was even more enthusiastic and an immense crowd outside the station warmly cheered the ex-Viceroy as he drove away.

In an interview with the *Sunday Times*, Lord Reading said his term of office had been a wonderful experience. There had been difficult times but he had no regrets for what he had gone through.

He said he left the scene of his recent labours with deep regret. He had been five great years and he was more than satisfied in his service. He had been useful to the Empire and to the country and people of India. When a comparison was made between the situation in India now with what it was five years ago, the progress made was apparent. Peace and order prevailed, except perhaps through communal differences, and there were infinitely better relations with the Government. He expressed himself as hopeful for the future of India which he described as a marvellous country.

The newspapers in welcoming Lord Reading, recalled that it was in response to the call of the Government that he laid down the highest judicial office of

Lord Chief Justice to proceed to India as Viceroy.—British Wireless.

## CONFIRMED THIEF.

## GETS TWO YEARS' HARD LABOUR.

Previous convictions for theft were read out by Mr. Justice Wood at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when a Chinese diamond dealer from Canton.

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The accused was now sentenced to two years with hard labour.

## M. P.'S VISIT RUSSIA.

## AN UNOFFICIAL PARTY.

Rugby, April 18. For the first time since the Russian Revolution, a party of Conservative Members of Parliament—Sir Frank Nelson; Mr. Robert Boothby, Captain R. C. Bourne and Colonel Moore—is paying a visit to Russia. Agriculture, grain, oil, and education are among the subjects that will engage the party's attention on its tour, which is unofficial. Those participating in the tour hope that the relations with Russia will be improved as a result of the friendly Moscow government.

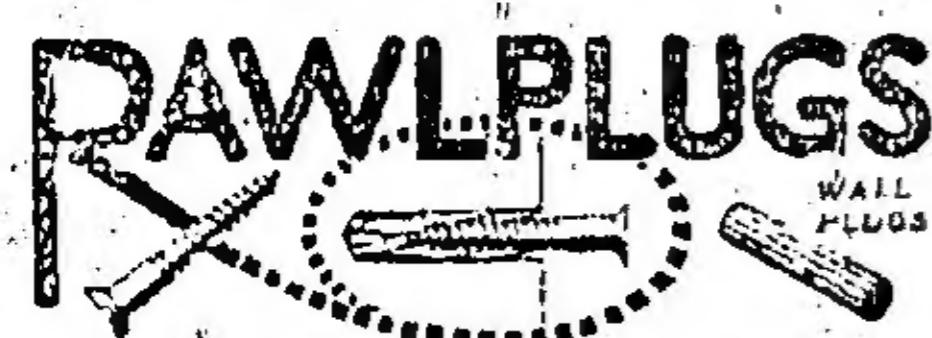


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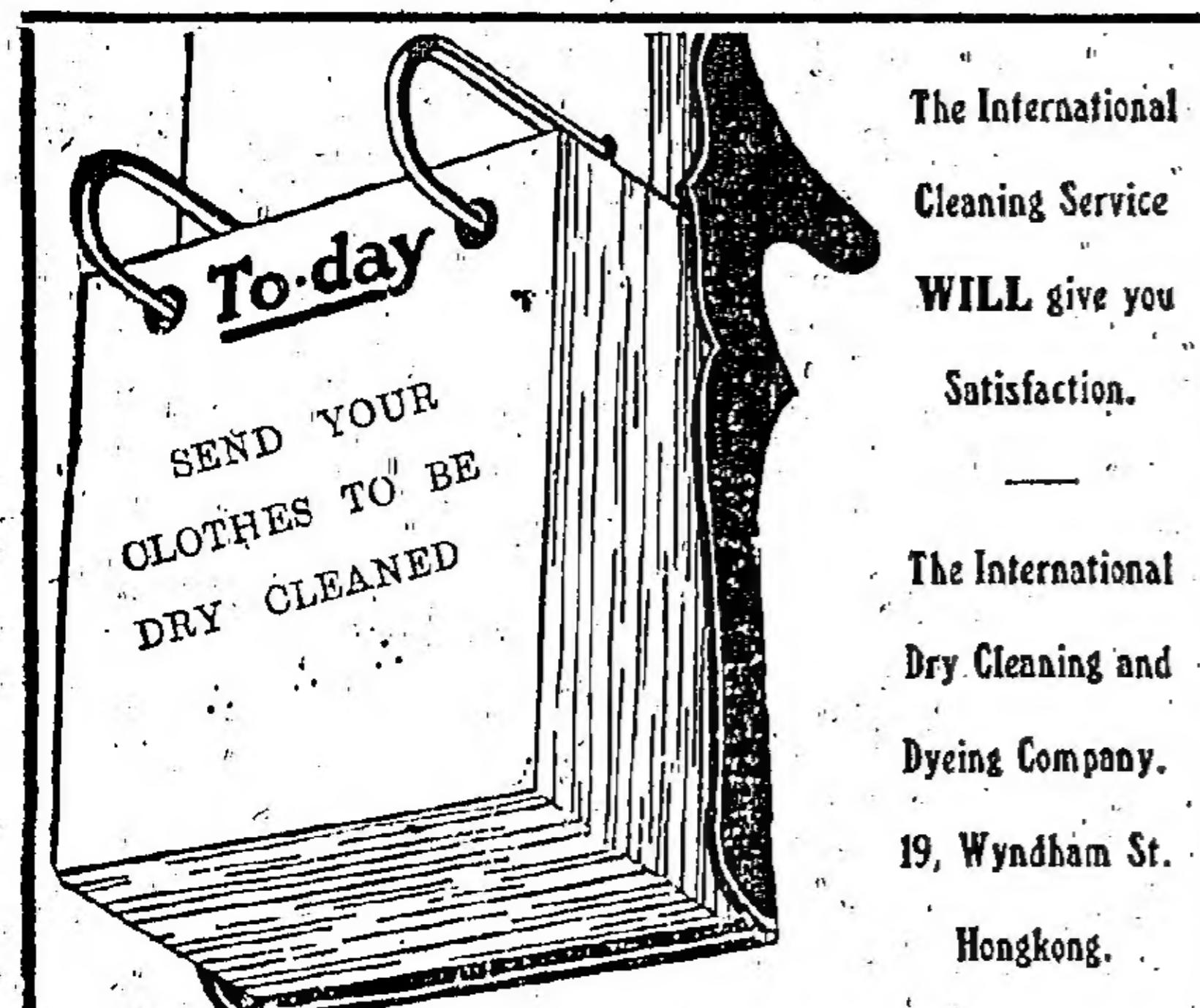
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### LOCAL WEDDINGS

#### INTERESTING CATHEDRAL CEREMONY.

Tan-Lau.

There was an interesting Chinese wedding at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, the parties being Miss Rose Lau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Siu Chek-lau, and Dr. S. F. Tan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kwan Sing-tan, of Henngshan. The cathedral was full of friends from most of the best known Chinese families in the Colony.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, was charmingly attired in a dress of pearls on a white satin foundation, the design being her own. Her head-dress was composed of pearls and was of Egyptian character. The whole was a magnificent creation and formed part of the bride's dowry from her mother. She also had a white satin train, heavily beaded and trimmed with pearls and orange blossom. Her bouquet was of roses.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Irene To and Frances Lau who wore dresses of rainbow colours richly trimmed with silver lace. They carried pink rose bouquets.

Miss Ida Lau, the bride's sister acted as maid of honour, Mrs. T. H. Chen as matron of honour and Mr. J. Y. Lee as usher.

The bride's mother wore a mandarin coat of black satin embroidered in colour and with a red satin skirt embroidered in gold and pearls.

Mr. Chao Liang-tan, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man and the groomsmen were Messrs. Yuk Sing-young and Leung Shi-chan.

The Rev. T. B. Powell officiated and Mr. F. Mason was at the organ. A feature of a very interesting ceremony was the singing of the choir of St. Stephen's Girls' School, there being 50 choristers present.

After the ceremony there was a reception at 54, Robinson Road, where numbers of friends and relatives gathered to offer congratulations to the happy couple. A toast was proposed by the Rev. T. B. Powell. In the evening the guests were again entertained at dinner after which a ball was held. During the dance the bride wore a beautiful evening dress of pale pink georgette trimmed with silver lace, silver beads and roses, one of the presents from the bridegroom. One of the most attractive features in the bridal chamber was the bedspread and drapings of yellow satin, beautifully hand-painted by Sister Ginny of the Italian Convent, the best piece of work she has ever done of the kind. Dr. and Mrs. Tan are shortly leaving for the North, their home being in Tientsin.

The bride's gifts to the bridegroom included a large pearl pin, set of jade dress buttons, cuff links, etc., and that of the bridegroom to the bride a diamond ring, diamond watch ring, valuable articles of apparel and jewellery.

Besides gifts of jewellery and other presents from the bride's mother, her uncles, Mr. Lau Yee-long and Mr. Lau Yick-cheuk, her uncles and aunts, Mr. Chu Shunam and Mrs. Lee and Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Sun, her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Si Wing-leung, and her brothers and sisters, numerous presents were also received from the following friends of the happy couple: Sir Shouson and Lady Chow, Mr. and Mrs. Liang Shyi, Mr. and Mrs. Cheung Sum-woo, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cheung, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Yung, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Chen, Mr. Li Chor-chi and family, Mr. and Mrs.

### THE COAL PROBLEM.

#### SETTLEMENT HOPES.

Rugby, April 17.

It is unlikely that any important developments for securing the resumption of negotiations between miners and owners will occur during the week-end. It is probable that the Prime Minister's meeting with the owners to discuss with them the miners' demand for national rather than district settlement will not take place until Tuesday. The newspapers consider that the outlook for a settlement of the disputes is more hopeful than it was a few days ago but that many obstacles have still to be overcome and the coming week will be one of some anxiety to all concerned.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, in a speech last night discussed the coal situation and declared himself to be hopeful that a settlement would be reached. As both owners and miners had faith in the fair-mindedness and impartiality of the Prime Minister he believed that in a little while the worst of the danger which had threatened would pass away. If the country could get rid of the coal trouble the prospects of trade were not unfavourable.

A Labour View.

Mr. William Graham, M. P. who was Financial Secretary to the Treasury in the Labour Government, was scarcely less optimistic when speaking in Edinburgh last night.

Stoppage, he said, would help nobody and least of all the miners. He believed that a brief temporary extension of the subsidy might meet the difficulty of wage reduction. There might well be agreement about the basis of the minimum percentage since the commission itself said the final decision would be with national machinery, on a basis that there should be general determination to bring economies and improvements in the management of industry into force without delay and to get rid of the subsidy while at the same time safe-guarding remuneration. With necessary good will he believed that could be accomplished.

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H. F. Yung, Dr. and Mrs. Wan Man-kai, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Woo, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Wang, Dr. and Mrs. Huang, Mr. and Mrs. Liang Shiu-tung, Mr. and Mrs. Un Man-chuei, Mr. and Mrs. Un Laan-suen, Miss Uun, Miss See Wai-sheung, Mr. and Mrs. Coxion To, Miss Middleton Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Martin, Messrs. F. C. Lee, K. Y. Wong, S. L. Chan, and many others.

Jew-Lau.

Two well-known Chinese families were united on Saturday at the Rhenish Mission, Bonham Road, the parties being Miss Lau Yuet-san, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lau Chun-san, and Mr. Jui Tien-jiang, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jui Hawk.

The Rev. Wong Oi-tong officiated.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lau Yuet-yung, and a flower girl, little Miss Wong Fung-sin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wong.

The bride and bridegroom, and their parents are well known and there was a large gathering at the church. The bridegroom received his education in America, having undergone training as a military officer and also specialised in electrical engineering.

A great many friends were entertained last night at a banquet at the Yee-Woo restaurant. The young couple leave shortly for the North.

### THE NORTHERN SITUATION.

#### KUOMINCHUN ARMY RETREATS IN GOOD ORDER.

Allies Enter Peking.

Contrary to the general fear, the Fengtien troops have up to the present made no attempt to enter the city, where complete order is being maintained. The main body of Fengtien troops is said to be remaining at Tungchow, but one regiment was located outside Yingtungmen early this morning, and Fengtien cavalry detachments are patrolling the neighbourhood round up Kuominchun stragglers, a party of whom was captured this morning near Paomachang.

As a result of excellent staff work virtually the whole of the Kuominchun had evacuated for Kalgan by four o'clock this morning. General Tang Chi-tao, the Commander of the Ninth Division, is acting as Garrison Commander with one Brigade inside and one Brigade outside, which general Wang Shih-chen's Committee of Safety controls most effectively.

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Ex-Premiers to Maintain Order.

Peking, April 17.

Ex-Premiers, including Dr. Yen, are on a committee formed at the request of citizens to maintain order in Peking.

Five sub-committees have been appointed and four foreign advisers, including Sir Francis Aglen.

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Peking, April 18.

The Cabinet has dismissed the Nationalist commander Lu Chung-lin from all his posts. The Premier, Chia Teng-ya, has resigned, accusing himself of negligence in connection with the coup d'état. All the gates of the city are at present closed except the Yingtungmen gate where officials flanked by bands and a guard of honour await the arrival of Chang Tsolin.

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Extrality Tour Suspended.

Peking, April 18.

Owing to the breakdown of communications, the Extra-territoriality Commissioners have postponed indefinitely their projected provincial tour.

The Cabinet has again met to approve Tuan Chi-ju's mandate announcing his resumption of responsibilities, pending the reconstruction of the administration; and has also dismissed the Kuominchun General Lu Chung-lin from all his posts.

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TURKEY AND ITALY.

#### ANXIETY OVER TRIPOLI VISIT.

A Call to the Colours.

Constantinople, April 18.

The Turks' keen interest in Mussolini's activities in Tripoli, and their anxiety concerning the reported Graeco-Italian pact (which the Italian Ambassador denies), has been followed by a proclamation calling to the colours all Turkish army reserves due for service this year, also recruits, hitherto exempted from service, belonging to previous classes.

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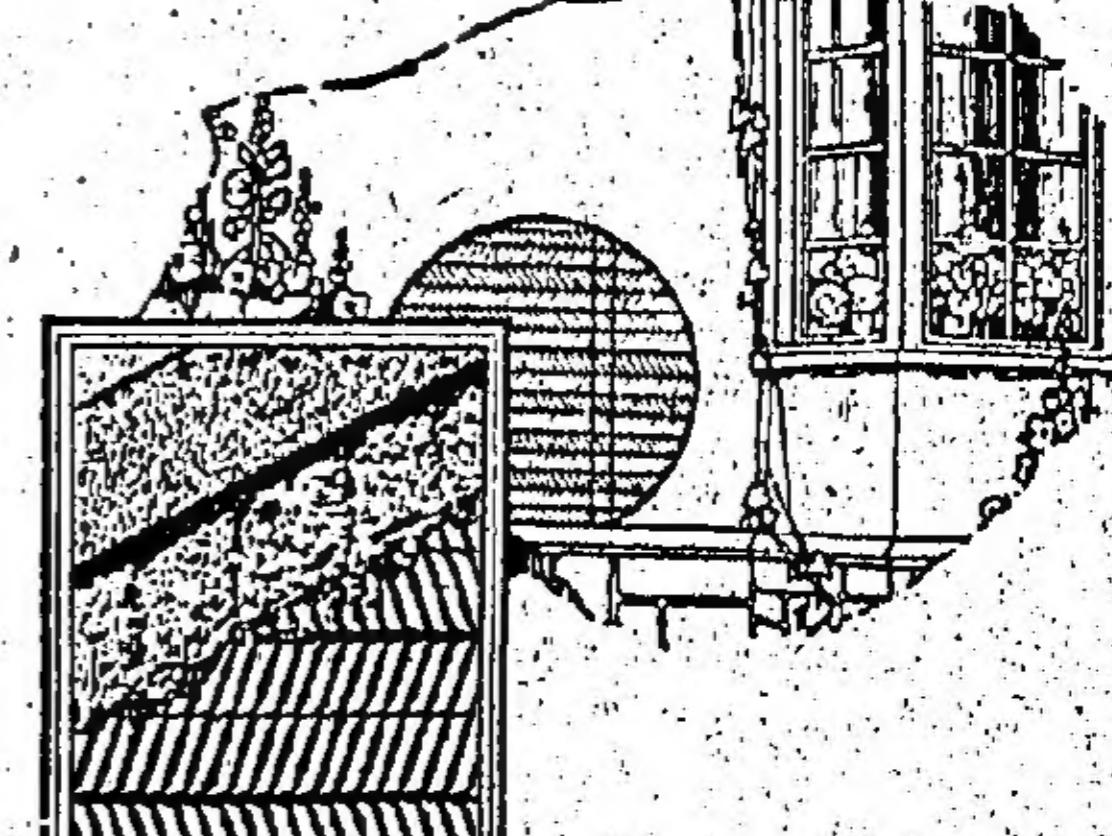
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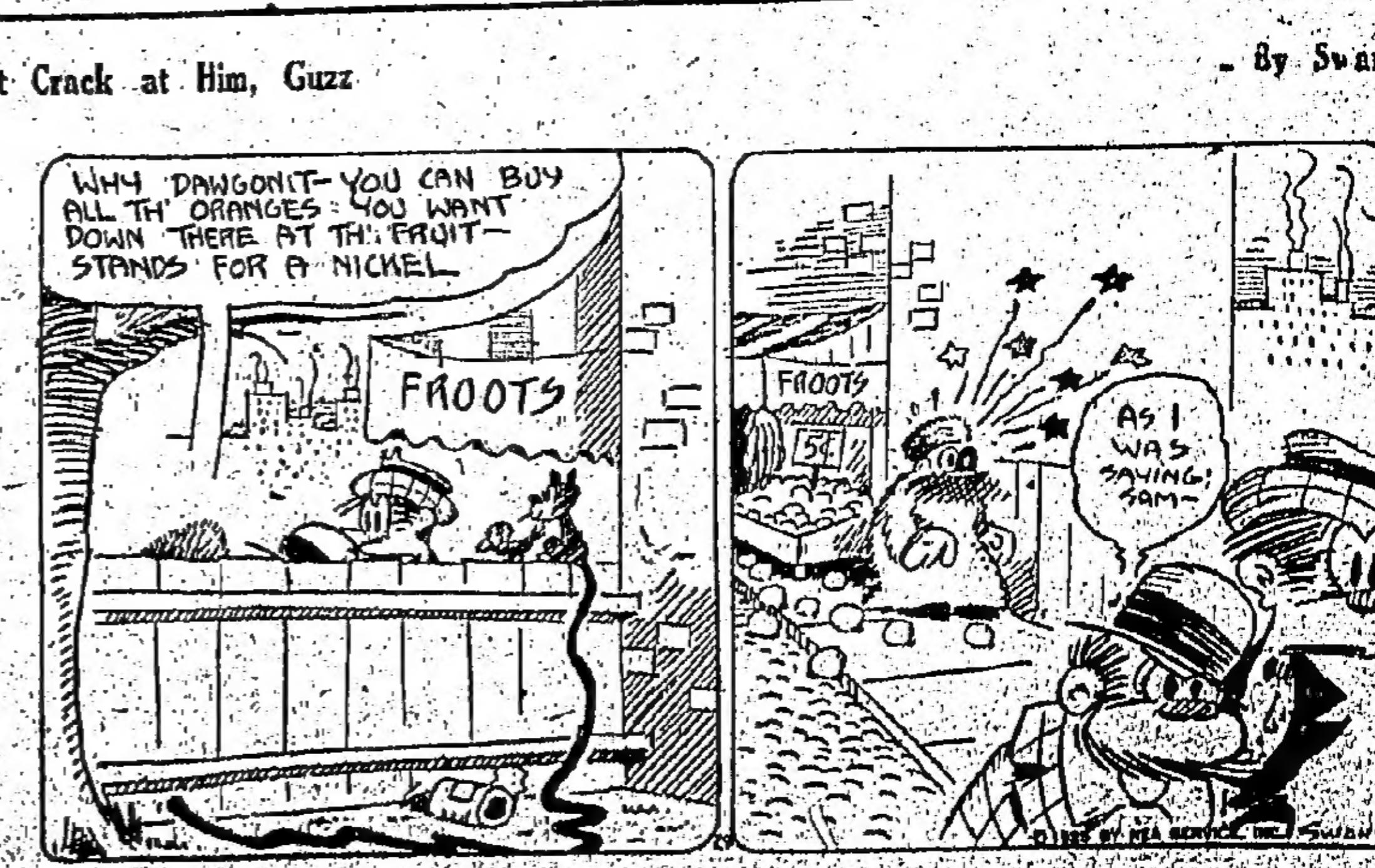
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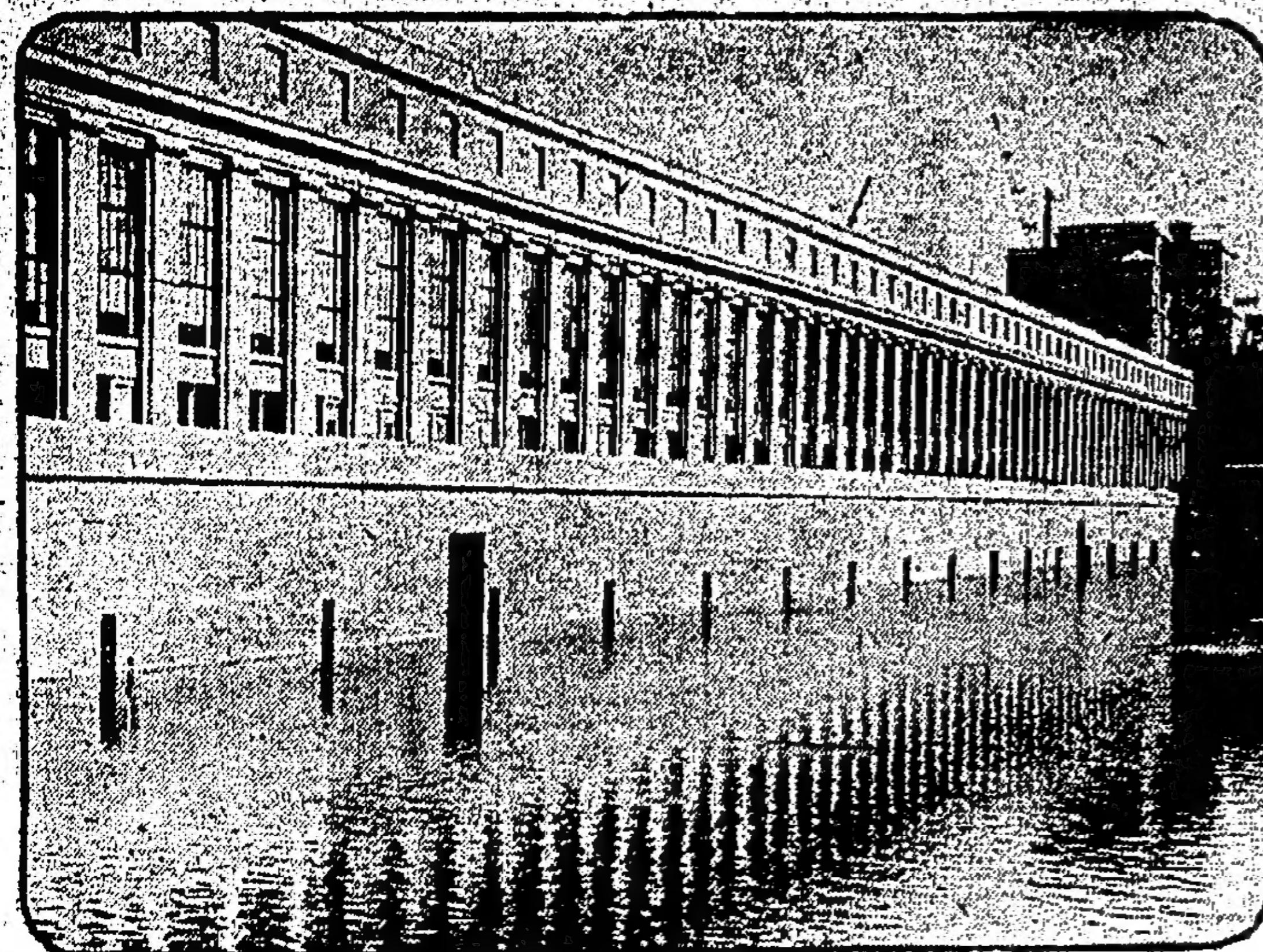
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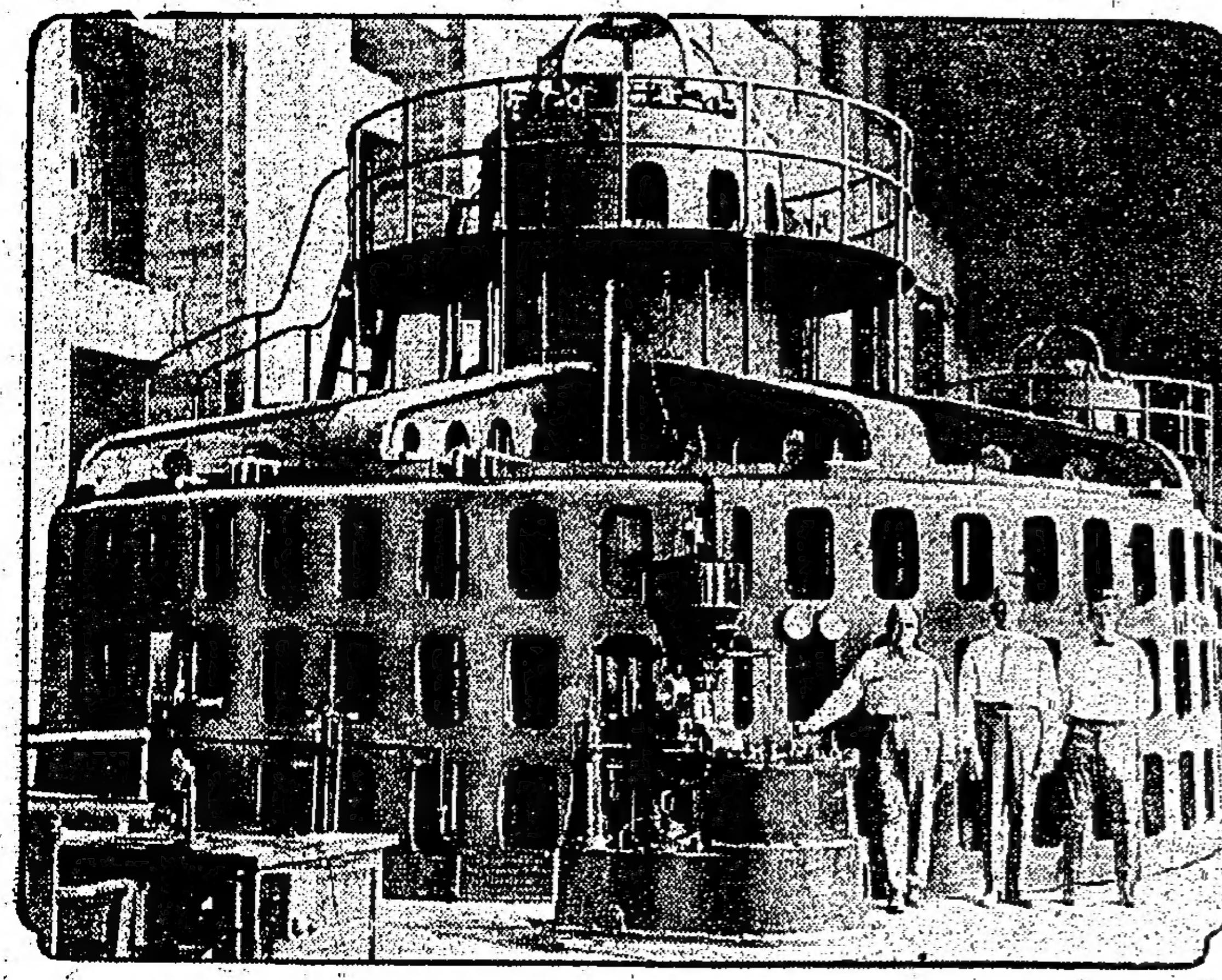




BIG POWER HOUSE.—This is a close-up view of the powerhouse at Muscle Shoals, all ready to develop a tremendous amount of power. This picture and the one at the left were taken by the U. S. army air service.



HALF MILLION HORSE POWER.—cores of the great turbines at Muscle Shoals, the \$150,000,000 hydroelectric power development on the Tennessee river. Whirling turbines, set on these giant cores, turn dynamos that generate more than half a million horsepower.



A GENERATOR.—One of the great 35,000 horsepower Westinghouse generators at Muscle Shoals the big U.S. power station, nearing completion.



A SPEEDSTER.—Barney Oldfield, famous auto-race driver, and his bride, photographed as they sailed from Los Angeles for Panama and Havana on their honeymoon.



ARCHBISHOP MOONEY.—Archbishop Edward A. Mooney of Ohio, pictured as he arrived in New York from abroad.



WOMEN "WETS."—Women spoke up in opposition to present federal prohibition laws when this group of Maryland women attended the "Face the Facts" conference of the Prohibition Amendments, in Washington.



ROWING PRACTICE.—"If they can pull this barge, they can pull a shell all right," said University of Pennsylvania coaches as 16 rowers pushed off for the rowing season's first training.



FLYING TO GOLDFIELD.—Airplanes were put into service between Hudson, Ont., and the Red Lake district, where gold has been reported found. Photo shows the planes assembling in a field.

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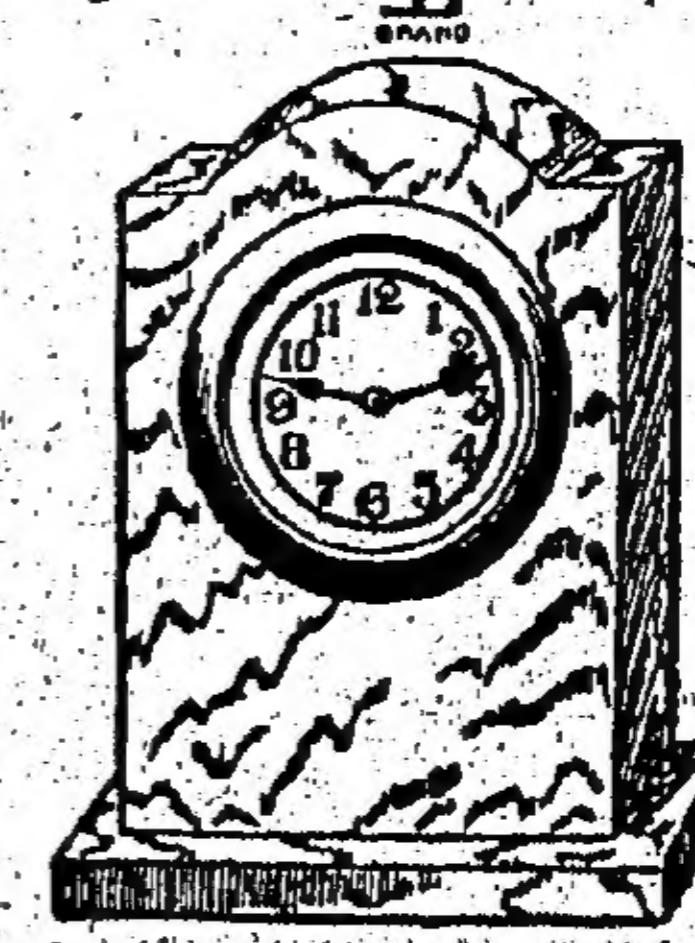
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Hongkong, 19th April, 1926.

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## CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of China Underwriters, Limited, will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Shewan, Toms & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on Monday the 26th day of April 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers and a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925, and of electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 19th April 1926 to 26th April 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the General Managers,

R. FARRANT,  
Manager & Secretary.  
Hongkong, 14th, April, 1926.

## CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

The forty-eighth ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the above company will be held at the offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street on Thursday, 22nd April, 1926, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

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Hongkong, March 26, 1926.

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**THE HONGKONG EXCAVATION,  
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General Managers.  
Hongkong, April 14, 1926.

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201	—	222 1,, Trunk & Sample	—	—	
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232	H W D 5009	1 bag bolts	20.10.25	H.K. and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	
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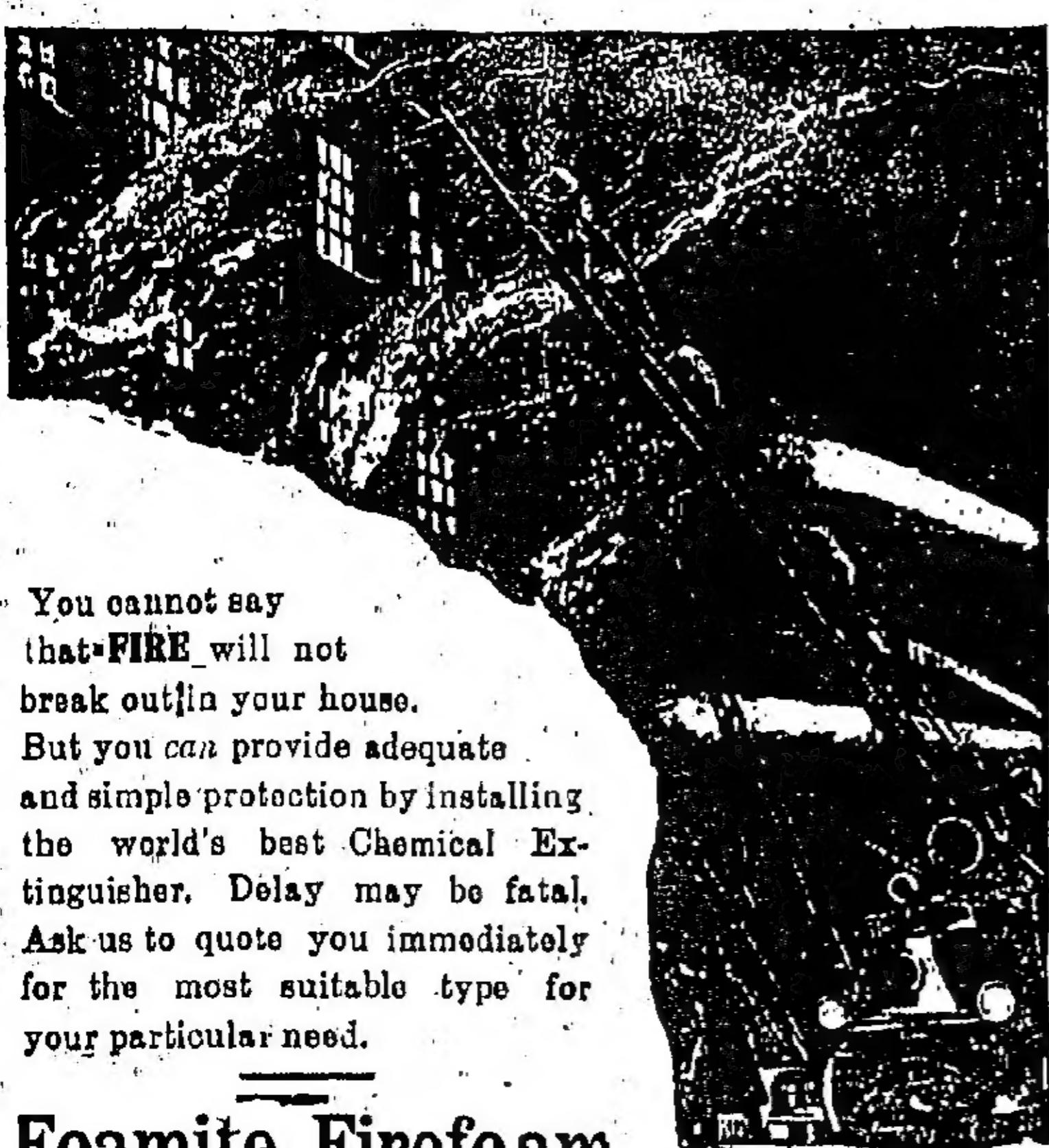
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On the night of St. George's Day the celebration of the National day, which opens with a brief ceremony at the Cenotaph in the morning at 9.30, is to conclude with a concert, both vocal and instrumental, at which only English music will be performed and sung.

The band of the East Surreys has been engaged and it is hoped that many of the Amateur Vocalists who so often delight Hongkong audiences will contribute to the vocal side. In addition it is expected that the Male Voice Choir will be present to render some of the old English Glees which are such favourite items in their repertoire.

It was the fashion at one time—but is no longer, thanks to the educational efforts of some of our leading musical writers and critics at home—to pretend to think that English music was either non-existent or of such poor quality as to be unworthy of consideration.

That is but a shallow view held by unthinking people whose minds were overawed by the pretensions of foreign musicians, principally of the German School. Let it never be forgotten that from the days of Byrd, the Father of English music, and Purcell, down to the present, when Elgar ranks among the leading composers of the day, English music has gone steadily on its even path, never rising to the heights of a Beethoven or Bach perhaps, but never suffering more than temporary eclipse.

English music is like the English character, always plodding steadily along: never rising to great heights nor tumbling to bottomless depths; and always a force to be reckoned with. It would be a fine thing if, in this year of grace, when England is once more rising from the mists and fears of a temporary set-back where—amidst the crocodile tears and funeral orations of "friends" over her final eclipse and passing from the world stage, she has dwelt for a brief space—to take her place again as the unchallenged leader of nations in all that helps to the advancement of mankind, it were possible to give, in the limited time available on St. George's night, an ordered retrospect of English music from say, Purcell down to the present day.

This is the last occasion on which Hongkong will have an English Regimental Band on St. George's Day, so let the most be made of it, but also, if the time is too short to attempt anything so ambitious this year, as here suggested, would it not be possible to be laying the plans for next St. George's Day, so that the loss of an English Regimental Band will not cause such a void?—Contributed.

## REMINISCENT OF SUFFRAGETTES.

DEMONSTRATION IN LONDON BY WOMEN.

## Anti-Strike Movement.

London, April 17. The largest demonstration by women since the days of the Suffragettes was carried out under the auspices of the Womens Guild of Empire to-day, when 20,000 of them marched from the city to the Albert Hall to participate in an anti-strike meeting.

The gathering was composed of all classes of the community. A large proportion of the demonstrators reached the metropolis by special trains and charabanes from Scotland, Wales and the provinces. There was some display of unsympathetic feeling.—Reuter.

## CHURCH ON PROHIBITION.

## OPPOSED TO MODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

## Disease Lessened.

Washington, April 17. "Dry," in the persons of leading churchmen alone, held the stage at to-day's prohibition inquiry. They uniformly testified to the benefits of prohibition and asserted that any modification of the law would tend to bring back saloons with the whisky interest dominating politics.

Physicians, for the "Dry," produced charts showing diminution of disease associated with alcoholism and denied that the use of drugs had increased under prohibition, stating, on the contrary, that there had been a slight decrease.

## British Waters.

The United States Prohibition authorities are also understood to be seeking an agreement which will permit American officials to search ships in British West Indian waters.—Reuter's American Service.

## Washington, April 17.

The noted Yale economist, Mr. Irving Fisher, testifying before the prohibition committee, supported Mr. Hoover, Judge Gary and other industrialists, emphasising the great improvement to industrial efficiency since prohibition. He estimated that the nation had saved thereby six milliard dollars annually.—Reuter's American Service.

## ESTEVEZ FOUND.

BRITISH AVIATOR FINDS HIM IN DESERT.

## Mechanic's Grave Condition.

Cairo, April 17. The Air Force has received a wireless message from Amman, "Pilot found." This is taken to mean that Estevez is alive, but it does not mention the mechanic.—Reuter.

Cairo, later.

Estevez has been found alive in fairly good health. Hitherto there is no trace of the mechanic.—Reuter.

Cairo, later.

Estevez's mechanic has also been found alive.

The British flying officer Coghill found Estevez 40 miles from his machine. His feet were blistered and slightly septic, but otherwise his condition is fair. He was conveyed by aeroplane to the nearest medical station. His mechanic was found 25 miles from Estevez and will be similarly transported for attention if his condition permits. It is still a mystery how they both managed to subsist.—Reuter.

## Others Progress.

Calcutta, April 18. The Spanish aviators have arrived from Agra.—Reuter.

## U.S.A. NAVAL EXPENDITURE.

## TWENTY MILLIONS FOR NAVAL BASES.

## Ten Million For Hawaii.

Washington, April 17. Mr. Wilbur has asked Congress to appropriate nearly \$20,000,000 to construct and improve naval bases. Half of it is destined for Pearl Harbour, Hawaii.—Reuter's American Service.

## RUBBER AND SILK.

## SIR WILLIAM FURSE ON RESEARCH COMMITTEE.

## Society of Arts Address.

## London, April 17.

In an address to the Society of Arts describing the work of the Imperial Institute, Sir William Furse stressed the desirability of extending the scope of the Ceylon rubber research Committee at least to Malaya and said he thought silk production could also advantageously be extended to several suitable parts of the Empire.—Reuter.

## JUNK RAIDED.

## HIGH-HANDED INCIDENT AT CASTLE PEAK.

## Crew Bound and "Dumped."

Fung Tol, master of a junk, reports to the Police the circumstances in which he lost his junk and cargo in the neighbourhood of Castle Peak on Saturday when robbers boarded it under a pretext.

He states that he was anchored at Tin Mun, near Castle Peak, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, when a cargo boat came alongside. There were several men in her and one of them asked for some tobacco. While a member of his crew was complying with the request, six or seven men boarded the junk. Two pro-

duced revolvers and threatened to shoot if anyone made a noise. The junk crew was gagged and bound and put into the hold. The junk was got under way and later they were put ashore and the junk sailed away in an unknown direction.

It was not until 6 the following morning that they succeeded in releasing themselves and they found they were on an island in Deep Bay. Later in the day, they were able to get the Deep Bay ferry launch, and after about an hour's steaming fell in with Number Two Police launch. They were transferred and brought to Hongkong.

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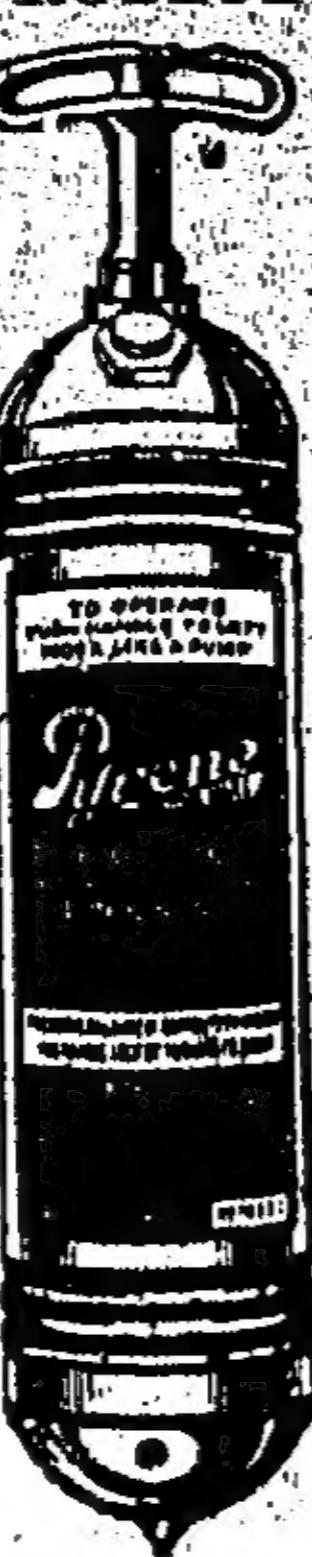
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### BIRTH.

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### The Telegraph.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1926.

### THE NORTHERN PUZZLE.

Once again, the fortunes of war are being changed in Peking, from which the Kuominchun armies have been ousted. But this development is only another stage in the struggle which is taking place for power between the big War Lords, and the real effect of the change has yet to be disclosed. For the time being, at any rate, Marshal Feng's forces are out of the picture, but he would be a bold prophet who would forecast the immediate or final consequences of this turn of events.

Chief interest at the moment centres on the future actions of Marshal Wu Pei-fu and Marshal Chang Tso-lin. These two have recently been in telegraphic communication on the new developments occurring in the capital, and one cannot escape the impression that the Mukden War Lord is now seeking to get into the good graces of his erstwhile rival, for he has declared his belief that Bolshevism can be destroyed and used words which can only mean that he wishes to work in close concert with Wu Pei-fu. Chang's recent history, however, is hardly that of a consistent man. We recall in particular the entente between Wu and Chang, immediately after the defeat of General Kuan, and the developments that followed this understanding. It was generally understood that the agreement provided for specific spheres of influence for the two Marshals, the Mukden War Lord to be allotted the three Eastern Provinces together with Jehol, whilst Marshal Wu was to have a free hand in Peking and vicinity. It was later revealed, however, that Marshal Chang had opened pourparlers with the Christian General with a view to a bartering of interests. The mere fact that such conversations were entered into cast considerable doubt on Chang's oft-repeated declarations that China should be saved from Red influences, but, as events later turned out, the pourparlers ended in failure. Since then, there have been dramatic changes in the situation, for, although regarded

in some quarters as a spent force, Marshal Wu has again become a dominant figure mainly by reason of his sworn opposition to all that smacks of Bolshevism.

The question now is whether Marshal Chang will be willing to retire into Manchuria and allow Wu Pei-fu a free hand in Peking, or whether he will think the moment propitious for joining hands with the Loyang War Lord until such time as fresh circumstances call for a change of policy. No-one can tell. Above all, it must be borne in mind that consistency, except in regard to their own interests, is not a quality with which any of the warring Generals are endowed.

It is that fact which causes the frequent and strikingly mystifying changes which we are always witnessing in China. And for that reason it is as well to be guarded against undue optimism over the events which are now transpiring in the North.

### League's Status.

A recent telegram stated that the Secretariat of the League of Nations at Geneva had received a Note from the German Government stating that it was quite prepared to nominate a representative to sit on the Committee which is going to examine the problem of the future composition of the Council of the League and the method of electing or appointing members of that Council, and in connection with that matter it is interesting to note that, on reflection, sober-minded opinion in England does not view the fiasco of March as being disastrous to the League's prestige. Such a serious yet liberal-minded journal as *The Nation* says that to interpret the fiasco at Geneva as a sign that the League itself is discredited and in danger of "breaking up" is a preposterous misreading of the situation which could only occur to those who dislike the League and wish to see it destroyed, or to those who are so blinded by their enthusiasm for the League that they are unpleased to throw them into despair. The journal goes on to ask: Is an institution breaking up when a seat upon its executive is so coveted that every State with a remote chance of success clamours and threatens and cajoles for it? Is it discredited when the whole armoury of diplomacy fails to make a breach in its constitution and integrity? It would be nearer the truth to describe the March affair as a clash between the old diplomacy and the new open tactics of the League, in which the former was heavily defeated. It is true that Germany was not admitted, but it is far more significant that the diplomatic conspiracy to elect other States to the Council to offset Germany was "scuttled" in spite of the fact that powerful States were known to be at the back of it. It is heartening to read such weighty and optimistic arguments, and it may be that the clash in March, which was successfully weathered, has done the League a service by making it clear that it is not the place for discreditable intrigues and shabby expedients.

Rugby, April 17.  
To-day's exchange rates are as follows:

Paris	145
Brussels	131 1/2
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	18.55
Vienna	34.50
Helsingfors	10.34
Lisbon	2.17/32
Buenos Aires	443
Shanghai	2/10%
Yokohama	1/11 1/4
New York	4.86 1/2
Geneva	25.18
Milan	120.85
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	22.22
Prague	164 1/16
Madrid	33.54
Rio	6 7/16
Bombay	1/5. 57/64
Hongkong	2.21/4
Silver (spot)	29. 5/16
Silver (forward)	29. 29/32

—British Wireless.

### TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2s 27/16d.  
Lighting-up ..... 6.45 p.m.  
Temperature (2 p.m.) 65  
Barometer (2 p.m.) 29.86  
Humidity (2 p.m.) 73

### DAY BY DAY.

TO MAKE AN EMPIRE DURABLE  
THE MAGISTRATES MUST OBEY  
THE LAWS, AND THE PEOPLE ARE  
MAGISTRATES.—Solon.

The health return for Friday showed two imported Chinese cases of small-pox.

The Empress of Canada left Vancouver on Saturday, and is due here on May 5th.

The P. & O. s.s. *Khiva*, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on the 17th April, at 7.30 a.m.

The Empress of Russia is due at Kobe on Thursday at 6 a.m., having left Woosung this afternoon.

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is—N.E. winds, moderate; overcast at first, improving later.

A Chinese living in a boarding house at No. 63, Connaught Road Central took an overdose of opium on Saturday. He died on the way to hospital.

A house in the village of Wong Chook Hung, Aberdeen, was visited by armed robbers last evening, property and money to the value of \$80 being stolen.

Among the passengers leaving by the a.m. Devanha on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Parsons and their two children. Other passengers were Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Mill, Mrs. J. Manners, and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cubey.

A Chinese was yesterday removed from his home at No. 65, Belcher's Street suffering from a serious wound in the neck. The injury was inflicted with a dagger in an attempt to commit suicide. He is reported to have been in financial difficulties.

The whist drives which are to be held in connection with the East Surreys' Sergeants' Mess on alternate Tuesdays, commencing to-morrow night, will take place in the Sergeants' Mess, Murray Barracks, and not at the R. E. Theatre, as stated on Friday.

Stating that he was merely a street coolie and was carrying the sack, containing three small puppys, for a second party, a Chinese who was charged before the Kowloon Magistrate this morning with attempting to take the animals across the harbour by the Shamshui Po ferry, was fined \$10.

There is a bright and sparkling picture on show at the Queen's Theatre at present, this being "The French Doll," a Metro production. It features Mae Murray, who is seen in her most vivacious mood. The settings are particularly striking. In addition to the pictures, a further attraction is provided by La Dorina, who gives a number of classical dances in striking costumes.

A highway robbery in which a ricksha coolie was victimised occurred last night. At Water Street a coolie was confronted by his fare who he picked up at the Praya West, and dispossessed of his day's takings, amounting to two dollars. Apparently the robbery was pre-arranged, for at Water Street the fare was joined by two other Chinese, who also assisted in the hold-up which followed.

An accident which occurred at Morrison Gap Road yesterday resulted in slight damage being done to a motor car belonging to Mr. D. Templeton, Manager of the Taikoo Sugar Refinery. The car was being driven by a Chinese who noticed a man carrying a long pole on the left side of the road. The driver sounded his horn, but the man carrying the pole, whilst trying to give the car more room, turned suddenly round, with the result that the pole smashed through the wind screen of the car.

A small fire, unattended by any serious damage, broke out in the engine-room of the steam-launch Vancouver while it was anchored off the Wo Tang coal-yard, at Mongkok at 1.30 p.m. yesterday. The outbreak was quickly got under control and the fire rapidly extinguished by the prompt bringing into action of the houses of No. 5 Police Launch, which was lying in close proximity at the time of the occurrence. Afterwards the Vancouver was towed to Yaumati by the Police launch. Very little damage was done.

### KRISHNAMURTI.

#### WHAT THEOSOPHISTS BELIEVE

We have received from Mr. H. E. Lanepart, the Honorary Secretary of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, a long statement in connection with newspaper reports concerning Krishnamurti, the young Indian, who has, it is said, been proclaimed as the new World Teacher by Dr. Annie Besant, the President of the World Theosophical Society. Mr. Lanepart's communication is too long for reproduction, but it contains a very interesting extract from a written statement on the matter by Mrs. Besant, from which the following is taken:

In 1909, Mrs. Besant accepted from their father the guardianship of two young brothers, her reason for doing so being that the elder, J. Krishnamurti, had been selected by Indian theosophists to give his body as a vehicle for the World Teacher on His approaching coming. If the lad proved worthy of the privilege when he reached manhood. In 1910 the lad wrote down "teachings" he had received in his sleep, and on December 28th, 1911, a remarkable overshadowing of the young boy took place in Benares, and a handful of the members of the Theosophical Society prostrated themselves before him. The affair was kept as quiet as possible, although rumour got abroad which caused curious people to follow the lad about. The two brothers were educated privately in London and more than fulfilled the hopes cherished of them. In August, 1925, Mrs. Besant announced to an audience of members of an Order who believe in the coming of the World Teacher, that J. Krishnamurti was the chosen vehicle—a fact already largely recognised among them in consequence of his teachings and writings. Mrs. Besant says she has never had any idea of proclaiming Krishnamurti as the Messiah. She believes that the World Teacher did once before assume the body of a disciple called Jesus to carry on his earthly

### INDIAN RIOTING.

#### POLICEMEN SERIOUSLY INJURED

Madras, April 18. Serious rioting is reported at Satya Mangalam, 250 miles southwest of Madras as a result of a dispute between agriculturists.

A sub-Inspector and five policemen were seriously injured. The situation is in hand. Numbers have been arrested, and assemblies of over four persons are prohibited. —Reuter.

The Chapel Protectionary Forces at Shanghai have received reports to the effect that various beggar "kings" have recently issued "orders" to the public, particularly to the merchants, saying that no alms must be given to those who do not have certificates from the beggar headquarters and that those who fail to pay their "beggar-tax" to the beggar headquarters will themselves be responsible if they are robbed. This is, according to the authorities, a great insult and to be dissolved at once, and the beggar headquarters is to be dissolved at once, and the beggar chiefs dealt with in accordance with law.

work at that time, and she believes that a similar event is to take place now; namely, that Krishnamurti's body has been chosen as the vehicle of the World Teacher, who has already spoken through him. She relates an incident which took place at Adyar in December, when Krishnamurti was preaching under the Banyan Tree, and when, after a slight start, "a voice of penetrating sweetness rang out through his lips." Mrs. Besant's statement concludes: "I believe that we are at the beginning of a New Age, a new civilization, as has occurred five times already in the Aryan race—in Central Asia, Egypt, Persia, Greece, and Palestine—as well as before in human evolution."

Mr. Lanepart adds his own words of acceptance.

## The Very Idea!

The story is told of a minister who was travelling in a railway carriage with a gentleman who had apparently been on a liquid diet. The latter kept addressing the clerical traveller with a noisy persistence until the churchman, goaded almost to anger, declared: "I will not speak to you, my man. You're drunk."

"Drunk? Why, man, came the answer. "Ah'm no" as drunk as you yersel'! Yer collar's on the wrong way."

One of Mr. Birrell's neatest salutes was scored at the expense of Lord Darling, before whom he was pleading in a libel suit.

"If you are going to punish a man," he protested, "simply for having a lively fancy, I don't know where it will end."

"There wouldn't be many to punish," retorted the judge.

"I admit," said Mr. Birrell, blandly, "that not many judicial vacancies would be created, my lord!"

At a recent lunch, attended by a number of local orators, famous for long and dreary speeches, one of the visitors got up a sweepstakes, the prize to be given to the entrant who drew the name of the speaker making the longest speech.

The guest who drew Mr. B. felt certain of winning, as his man wandered on interminably. Then, to his dismay, the next speaker, Mr. C., gave signs of going on even longer, but within three minutes of Mr. B.'s record suddenly resumed his seat in the middle of a sentence.

On being asked the reason he said, bashfully, "Someone handed me a note saying my trousers were coming down."

Every little bit helps—but too many people make it as little as possible.

"Where did she hit you?" asked the Acton Magistrate of a woman complaining of having been assaulted. "In the Devonshire Road," she replied.

The reason lots of women are misunderstood is because so few of them make themselves plain.

**JUDGE PUZZLED.****CHINESE MARRIAGES IN THE STRAITS.****A BIG PROBLEM.**

It is a long time since a Straits judge has spoken his mind so plainly about the difficulties which confront the courts of the Colony in dealing with the matrimonial tangles of the Chinese as the Chief Justice did last week, says the Telegraph's Singapore correspondent, writing under date of the 11th instant.

Sir William Murison has just completed a revised edition of the Laws of the Straits Settlements, and may therefore be presumed to know these laws as well as most people, but after he had finished the perplexing and thankless task of deciding whether a Chinese woman was or was not married as a principal wife he said:—"I would like to observe that in my opinion the whole matter is most unsatisfactory and vague. There seems to be no real and final authority at all as to what are the essentials of the marriage; that is, what are the ceremonies which, if they are all performed, themselves constitute a valid marriage." His Lordship went on to say that a consideration of various textbooks and a number of decided cases led him to the conclusion that these ceremonies differed in different parts of China, and again differed in Singapore. The expert called from the Chinese Protectorate was quite vague as to the essentials. In his Lordship's opinion, and so were Van Motendorf, Jamieson and other well-known authorities. Another significant passage in an unusually interesting judgment was this:—"I am not sure that some day the courts here will not have to hold that the 'only' real essential of the Chinese marriage of a principal wife is intention... The whole question must, I think, be considered to be in the melting pot, and after the lapse of years the crystallisation of essentials in the accurate sense of the word may eventuate. In my opinion there is no such accurate category in Singapore yet."

**CHINESE PUZZLES.**

In this particular case the plaintiff, a Chinese boy, claimed that his mother was married to a certain testator as his principal wife; plaintiff's counsel admitted that he could not prove that the essential ceremonies were performed, but established the facts that the woman had lived with the man for eleven years and had borne him five children, and he submitted that a sufficiently strong presumption of marriage arose in law. Plaintiff, however, lost his case because he insisted that his mother was the testator's principal wife, and the defence conclusively proved that the testator already had a principal wife, who was married to him with all the requisite ceremonies. Since the courts of the Colony recognize the polygamy of the Chinese to the extent that a Chinese may have as many secondary wives as he likes, but only one principal wife, the testator would clearly have been guilty of bigamy if the plaintiff's claim was true, and his Lordship was therefore forced to decide for the defendant, though he did so with considerable reluctance.

The difficulties which have arisen in deciding these Chinese marriage cases are extraordinary, and have resulted in a series of decisions the trend of which is not altogether acceptable to the best Chinese opinion. In theory, a famous local action called the Six Widows Case decided which were the essential ceremonies in a Chinese marriage, and which were the incidental ones; and it may be of interest to your readers to give the list of essentials which was acted upon by the Chief Justice in this recent case. The list was as follows:—Proposal through a matchmaker sent or employed generally by the parent of the bridegroom to make the offer, and to find out the eight characters of the horoscope according to the hour, day, month, and year of the birthday of the parties; con-

sultation usually with an astrologer that the horoscopes are not antagonistic; the final exchange of the papers of the intended bride and bridegroom; the interchange of presents; the fixing of a lucky day for the marriage, generally selected by an astrologer; the celebration of the marriage.

**DIFFICULTIES IN PRACTICE.**

That would seem to provide a definite code or set of ceremonies by which the legality of any Chinese marriage could be tested, but in practice it is found that the Chinese vary very greatly in their ideas on this subject, and, further, these actions usually arise years after the marriage, when the question of distributing the testator's estate comes into question, and by that time the relatives on either side have the haziest recollections of the details of the ceremonies which they witnessed. Witnesses in these family squabbles do not usually err on the side of truthfulness, and the evidence in cases of this kind is nearly always most conflicting and unsatisfactory. The result of the difficulty of arriving at a decision upon the evidence available has been to give the woman the benefit of the doubt where it is apparent that she has lived with a man "in the habit and routine of matrimony," and particularly where she has borne children. The testator whose estate is in dispute. No matter how many wives a Chinese may have in addition to his principal wife, all his children are recognised for the purposes of succession and legitimacy, and although the distinction between a secondary wife and a mistress is as clearly drawn in the courts as it is in Chinese households, it is becoming comparatively easy for a woman who has lived with a man and has borne children by him to go to the courts and claim the legal status of a wife unless there is very strong evidence to the contrary. That is perhaps not a development to be regretted, since it makes for the protection of Chinese women who are often British subjects and are entitled to all the benefits which British courts can give them, but the Chinese do not altogether like it for obvious reasons.

**REGISTRATION WANTED.**

No sympathy need be wasted, however, on a Chinese family whose members find that a woman whom they themselves regarded as a mistress is treated by the courts as a wife, because the Chinese have hitherto refused to do anything to help the courts to solve the matrimonial tangles which they ask the Colony's judges to unravel. The only remedy is registration of marriages, or at least of unions, where principal wives are concerned, but the Chinese brought their conservatism with them when they emigrated to Malaya, and they will have none of the proposal. They say that the marriage ceremonies are part of their religious belief, and that registration would mean interference with their customs. That is quite absurd, since, after all, it is a record of the marriage in the simplest possible form, so that there could be no dispute in the future if the husband died intestate. There is reason to believe that the younger Chinese are not altogether opposed to the idea, and some day the reform may be placed in the statute book with very little discussion, but the opinion of the present generation is unquestionably against registration in any form.

It may be that the Straits Legislature will become sufficiently exasperated by these Chinese puzzles that the courts will refuse to hear any dispute where registration has not been complied with, but registration of unions with principal wives would probably not be sufficient, and the Chinese do not seem to want the looser secondary marriages to become more binding and definite than they are at present. Whether polygamy will persist among the educated Chinese is an interesting question. The educated Chinese girl is a new and potent influence in our Malayan communities, and it is scarcely conceivable that a girl whose outlook is just as broad as her husband's is going to accept several rivals in the household. That is a factor which does not affect the legal aspect of the problem, of course, but the Senior Cambridge examinations in girls' schools and Chinese polygamy are two local institutions which are not likely to flourish side by side.

"I was told I should have to go in a raffle with 8,000 others, said a man in search of a flat at Clerkenwell County Court,

**LOCAL SHIPPING****VESSEL CHANGES HANDS.**

The Norwegian steamer *Passat*, which we reported several days ago as having been sold to the South China Steam Navigation Company, of Shanghai, has now been turned over to her new owners. Captain A. Opdal, formerly Chief Officer of the vessel, has been appointed master, while her old captain, Mr. Michael Danielson, and his wife left for Norway on Saturday. We understand that her new owners are having only temporary repairs made to the vessel here, but upon her arrival at Shanghai further repairs will be carried out, and she will be probably classified by the Chinese International Maritime Customs at Shanghai. Mr. S. Hansen, formerly Chief Engineer of the *Passat*, is still standing by as technical adviser to the Chinese purchasers.

**CHANGE OF FLAG.**  
The steamer Wong Shek Kung, belonging to the Kwong Hang Hing Company, of 58A, Bosphorus Strand West, was again changed flag. On Saturday, the Portuguese flag was hauled down, and the Chinese flag hoisted. The Wong Shek Kung was, about four years ago, the Norwegian steamer Helios, and she was sold by her former owners, Brunsgaard Kjærerd, of Drammen, Norway, to the Kwong Hang Hing Co., by whom she was re-named the Wong Shek Kung. The steamer was first placed under the Chinese flag, later under the British flag and then under the Portuguese flag. Captain M. de la Sala, has been appointed master.

**WITHIN CALL.**  
The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Empress of Asia, President McKinley, Mishima Maru, Hoaang, Kuichow, Yuensang, Tone Maru, Kashgar, Kaijo Maru, Carmarthenhire, Teucer, Aki Maru, Philocetes, Devanhia, Kohso Maru, Mauhang, Namsang, Samarang Maru, Cheribon Maru, Kafno Maru, Tamba Maru, Dakar Maru, Shinyo Maru, Dura Maru, Durban Maru, Cape Point, President Hayes, Talma, Delta, Lalsang and Norviken.

**SEVEN YEARS.****KIDNAPPERS SENTENCED TO-DAY.**

Charges of robbing two Chinese Lung Kiu Tan on January 27th, one of \$30 in money, and the other of \$400 in money and eleven chickens, and with forcibly taking away two Chinese against their will for the purpose of obtaining ransom for their liberation, were preferred against a Chinese at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood. Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg prosecuted for the Crown.

The accused pleaded not guilty to the first two counts, but admitted the third.

Mr. Hazlerigg intimated he would not offer any evidence on the first two counts.

In admitting the third count, the accused said he did it for revenge. He added that he lived in the next village.

Questioned by his Lordship, the kidnapped Chinese said they were treated badly while in captivity. One said he was put inside a small place on a small boat, and the entrance was covered up. He was not allowed to see anything, not even the sky. He was given no rice to eat, and was a captive for eight days. For the first four days, the two were kept together, but after that they were separated.

The accused was sentenced to seven years, with hard labour.

The Wing On case will be heard at the Criminal Sessions on Wednesday morning at 10.15.

A youth of 18 who appeared before the Birmingham stipendiary was said to have posed as a girl, and to have been employed in London as a lady's maid. His solicitor said that the lad, Joseph Luckman, fulfilled his duties as a maid very well. Luckman was charged with masquerading as a girl and with housebreaking and theft. A detective said there were ten more charges against him. Jewellery and other valuables had been missed from houses which Luckman was said to have entered dressed as a girl and ostensibly in search of lodgings. The youth was remanded for a medical examination as to his fitness for Borstal treatment.

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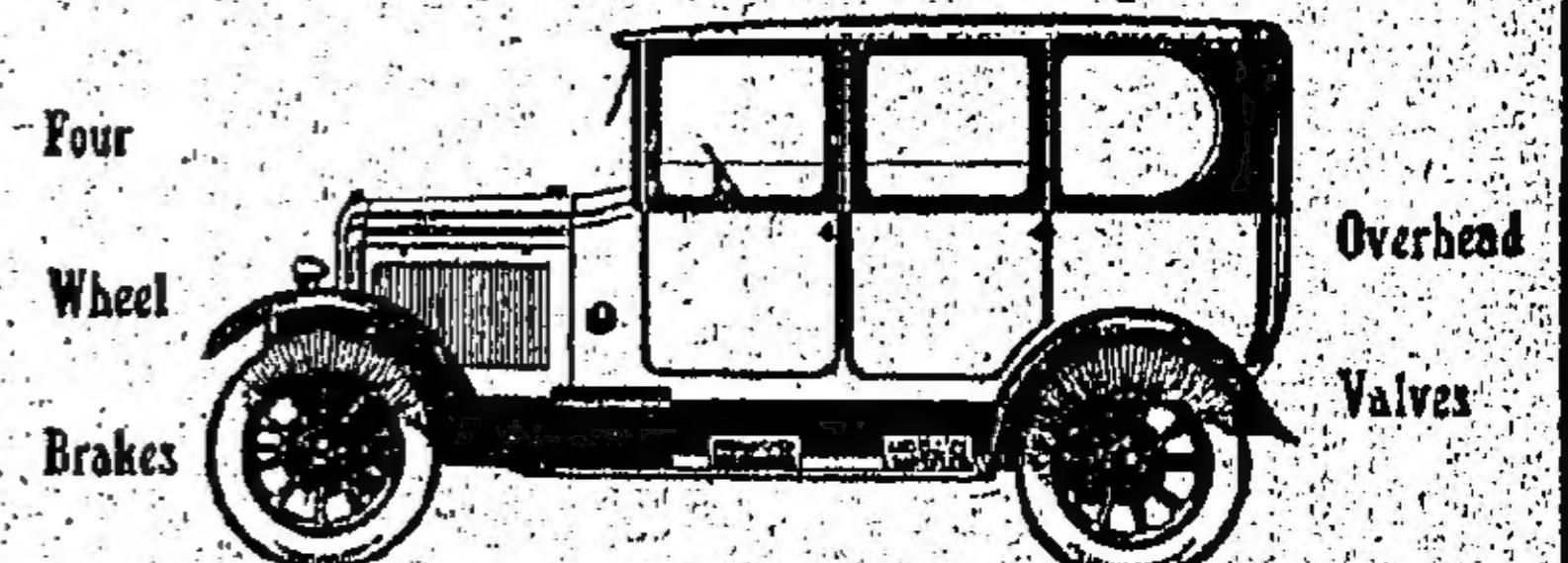
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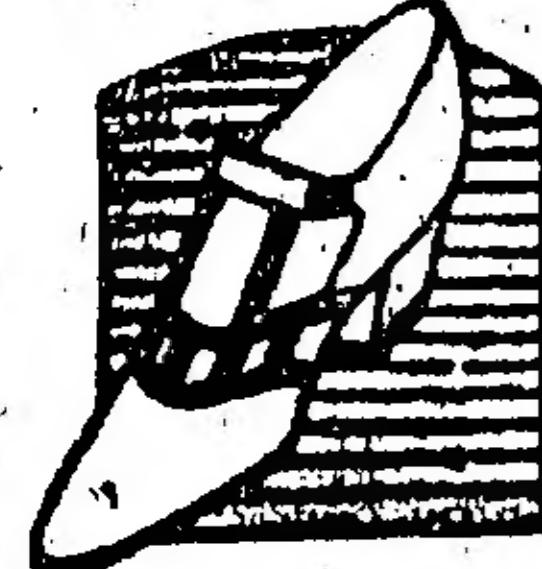
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ANGLO-RUSSIAN  
RELATIONS.CONSERVATIVES TO  
INVESTIGATE.

## "Semi-Official" Party.

London, April 17.  
The first party of Conservative  
members of the House of Commons  
to visit Russia since the Revolution  
left for Russia this morning.  
namely Sir Frank Nelson, Mr. Robert  
Boothby, Captain Bourne and  
Lieut. Col. Moors, their object being  
completely to investigate conditions  
of life in Russia.

It is hoped that the enquiry will  
result in improvement in Anglo-  
Russian relations. The Soviet has  
promised the party, whose mission  
is described as "semi-official" an  
entirely free hand.—Reuter's  
American Service.

## EARL READING HOME.

## HIS WELCOME IN LONDON.

Lord Birkenhead There.

London, April 17.  
The Earl of Reading has arrived  
in London from India. He was  
welcomed by representatives of  
H.M. the King and the Prime  
Minister, and by Lord Birkenhead.  
Reuter.

## MOCK AUCTIONEERS."

BILL TO PROTECT THE  
PUBLIC.

The Incorporated Society of  
Auctioneers and Landed Property  
Agents have had prepared  
by the chairman of their council,  
Mr. E. K. House, a Bill designed  
to extinguish the "mock  
auctioneer," who, the society  
states, "casts a stigma on our own  
profession, does considerable  
harm to a number of trades, and  
victimizes the public." The Bill  
is being sent to various trade-  
protection societies for their con-  
sideration.

The Bill increases the cost, and  
regulates the issue, of auctioneers'  
licences, and provides penalties  
for any colourable imitation of  
the acts of an auctioneer for the  
purposes of fraud or other ques-  
tionable practices. The main  
object is to protect the public  
against bogus or mock auction  
sales and fraudulent practices  
under the cloak of professional  
practice, and to more clearly define  
the status of an auctioneer. It stipulates  
that an applicant for a licence should be  
a member of the professional  
societies. The first yearly licence  
for a new licensee would cost  
£25, and thereafter an annual fee  
of £10.

The Bill sets out—"That is  
shall not be lawful for a person  
with or without an auctioneer's  
licence to perform or in any way  
act as an auctioneer, except as  
provided for in the schedule of  
exemptions, unless he is carrying  
out, a bona fide professional  
transaction, and shall not act, or  
pretend to act, or give a colour-  
able imitation of such acts, to  
carry on bogus, fraudulent, or  
trick sale, nor shall he be per-  
mitted to misrepresent himself as  
selling bankrupt stocks of any  
goods, cheap jewelry, paintings,  
ornaments, and the like by  
auction which is not conducted  
strictly in accordance with pro-  
fessional practice. Nor shall any  
person be permitted to travel  
from place to place posing as an,  
or using the term, auctioneer,  
for the purpose of itinerant sales,  
or selling his own goods or any  
goods in which he may have a  
partnership interest, or to tem-  
porarily rent or hire a shop or  
premises for the purpose."

The penalties prescribed are  
£50 for the first offence, and  
£100 on subsequent conviction  
and cancellation of licence. For  
acting while not in possession of  
a licence, the fine would be £100,  
or imprisonment for a period not  
exceeding six months. It is also  
provided that no bona fide  
auctioneer shall act, or permit  
his name or style of firm to be  
used, in connexion with any  
"rigged" or bogus sale.

Rev. H. W. Sedgwick, of Red-  
ruth has been appointed rector  
of St. Mary's, Truro, and sub-dean  
of Truro Cathedral.

## CHILE-PERU DISPUTE.

TRANSFER OF DISPUTED  
TERRITORY RECOMMENDED.

## Mr. Kellogg's Idea.

Washington, April 17.  
As mediator in the Tama-Arica  
dispute, Mr. Kellogg will recom-  
mend to Chile and Peru alternately  
that two provinces be  
neutralized or transferred to a  
third South American country upon  
equitable compensation. It is  
understood that Mr. Kellogg is  
taking this line because neither  
Chile nor Peru are willing to sur-  
render the disputed territory to the  
other and the idea of dividing it  
has been rejected.—Reuter's  
American Service.

Buenos Aires, April 18.  
Mr. Kellogg's proposal, mentioned  
yesterday, has produced excitement  
in South America. A disturbance  
on the Peru-Bolivia frontier resulted  
in two deaths. The Peruvian legation  
at La Paz was stoned.—  
Reuter's American Service.

## COBHAM'S NEW FLIGHT.

SOON GOING DOWN TO  
AUSTRALIA.

## Hopes of Empire Air Results.

Rugby, April 17.  
Referring to his projected flight  
to Australia, which will begin in  
a few weeks' time, Mr. Alan Cob-  
ham states that the same firms  
which backed his flight to Cape  
Town and back were going to sup-  
port this further venture. He  
hopes this route, in a few years,  
will become an Empire air route  
and he recalled the fact that next  
year the Imperial Airways were  
to operate one section of it from  
Egypt to India. The possibilities  
of flying to India and from Cal-  
cutta to Rangoon were familiar  
to him and he did not anticipate  
any insurmountable difficulties be-  
yond the latter point, which he  
was now about to explore.—British  
Wireless.

SILVER DROPS TO LOW  
POINT.

HEAVY BUYING BY EXCHANGE  
SPECULATORS.

## Belief in Japanese Gold Standard.

New York, April 17.  
The yen soared to 46.33 cents  
to-day, while silver touched the  
lowest point in two years, due to  
heavy buying by exchange specu-  
lators who believe that the gold  
standard will be restored in Japan  
this year.—Reuter's American  
Service.

## H. C. L. FIGURES.

## RETAIL PRICES 68 P.C. ABOVE

1914.

## Gradually Falling.

## Rugby, April 17.

On April 1st the average level  
of retail prices in Great Britain  
was approximately 68 p.c. above  
that of July 1914 as compared  
with 72 p.c. last month and 75 p.c.  
a year ago.—British Wireless.

## SUMMER TIME.

## IN FORCE IN ENGLAND

YESTERDAY.

In accordance with the Summer  
Time Act summer time will come  
into force in Great Britain at two  
o'clock to-morrow morning.—  
British Wireless.

## London, April 18.

Summer time came into force at  
two o'clock this morning.—Reuter.

THE AUSTRO-POLISH  
TREATY.

## SIGNED AND VALID FOR

THREE YEARS.

## Vienna, April 17.

The Austro-Polish arbitration  
treaty has been signed and remains  
valid for three years.—Reuter.

## THE SHIELD FINALS.

WILL SURREYS COMPLETE THE DOUBLE?

[BY "WANDERER"]

After a strenuous struggle of nearly two hours' duration, Kowloon and the East Surreys, clashing in the Shield Final for the second time in three years, failed on Saturday to reach a decision, two goals being divided.

It was old history over again, with the exception that in 1924 Kowloon suffered through injury to a player, while on Saturday it was McGreavy, of the Surreys, who, damaging his ankle ten minutes after the start, limped about for the remainder of the game.

The most astounding thing about the match was its ending. Both sides at the end of the first ninety minutes appeared to have had enough of it, but the twenty minutes extra time provided more thrills than were experienced during the whole of the previous play.

Kowloon's strenuous efforts which brought them the opening goal were reflected in the last twenty minutes when the Surreys clearly predominated and might have obtained goals in addition to their equaliser. Yet when the sides lined up for the extra time, the Surreys' initial attack was easily broken up and the soldiers were kept continually on the defensive. Twice Kowloon were almost through. A long shot by Caveille puzzled Douglas and he dropped the ball on the goal-line, but no Kowloon man was up far enough to be able to place the ball through. A few seconds later, Hayes placed in from the wing and Bristow endeavoured to clear, turned the ball against his own cross-bar. Sims took the rebound and again struck the cross-bar and was then penalised for handling.

When the sides crossed over for the second period, the game underwent a further complete change. The Surreys hotly assailed the Kowloon goal. Humberstone struck the post with a terrific shot; Mitchell struck the post later on. Then Butler's fast scoring shot was tipped over at the expense of a corner. Previously Humberstone, who appeared to be finding his feet for the first time since he was cautioned for a very mild infringement early on, had tested Avery with very hot shots.

Both sides played hard football from start to finish and a draw was perhaps the fairest result. Kowloon were a trifle lucky to effect the draw, but magnificent defensive play by both Wheeler and Read kept the Surreys out when they looked most likely to score.

In the first half, Butler, defeated Turner and Caveille and got in his shot before the backs tackled him, and yet sent high over from eight yards' range. Cheeseman was going through when he was brought down badly by Caveille, and the free-kick was sent wide.

As a line McGreavy, Mitchell and Bristow were better half-backs than Turner, Caveille and McEvie, yet both were constructively sound and followed up their forwards to such purpose that often if one side got away it meant that play was confined to the other half for quite long periods.

After a goalless first half, it became clear that the side which scored first would be well on the way to success, and when Spary shot through some ten minutes after the restart, the Kowloon hopes took a considerable upward bound. Spary is nothing if not an opportunist, and the fact that he was almost always on the spot rendered him the principal source of danger to the Surreys goal.

Sims became virtually a supernumerary centre-half after the lead had been secured, but some eight minutes before the end, when Kowloon had been conceding corner after corner in rapid succession, the Surreys converted one of these concessions. Mackleworth took the kick and placed the ball within six inches of the goalpost. Avery endeavoured to punch clear but only assisted the ball to the feet of Mitchell, who shot through in spite of the fact that McEvie used his hand in an effort to save.

The Surreys were the better balanced eleven and it was difficult to pick out a weak spot. But for the fact that they were inclined to guess,

## TEST TEAM.

## AUSTRALIANS ARRIVE IN LONDON.

London, April 18. The Australian Test Team has arrived in London and all are most fit. They were enthusiastically welcomed and begin practice at Lord's to-morrow.—*Reuter*.

## GREAT CROWD AT VICTORIA.

Rugby, April 18.

Intense interest is being displayed in England in the approaching series of Test Cricket matches which are to be played with the Australians.

Great crowds gathered at Victoria Station this afternoon to witness the arrival of the visiting team who were accorded an official welcome by the Australian High Commissioner, accompanied by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Amery, the Dominions Secretary, Lord Clarendon, and many prominent sportsmen. *British Wires*.

## MISS DOUGLAS PENNANT.

## JUDGE AND RIGHTS OF ATTACKED PERSONS.

Lible actions by the Hon. Violet Douglas-Pennant against the proprietors of the *Liverpool Daily Post* and the *Acroplane* have been settled, it was announced in the King's Bench Division the other day.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K. C. (for Miss Douglas-Pennant) said the parties had come to terms. In 1918 Miss Douglas-Pennant was appointed Commandant of the R.W.A.F. In consequence of difficulties she wished to resign, but was not allowed to do so.

Later, she was dismissed without explanation. Two inquiries were held. The result of the first was never made public, and a Select Committee of the House of Lords arrived at no finding as to why she was dismissed.

An M.P. asked a question in the House, and on this the papers owned by the defendants made comments which were the subject of the action.

Miss Douglas-Pennant, added Sir Patrick, had no desire to claim damages. All she asked was a complete apology. The defendants had agreed to pay costs.

Counsel for defendants having expressed regret and tendered apologies, Mr. Justice McCordie said he was glad to hear those statements. It was most important that an unjust or inaccurate attack on the character of any man or woman should be publicly exposed and publicly repelled.

## MUSICAL NOVELTIES.

## FRENCH COMPOSER'S EXPERIMENT.

over-finesse, they always looked the surer of the two sides, and gave little away. The Euler-Macklowth wing was the more dangerous, though Charlesworth in the first half put across many delightful centres. The muddy ground on the corner nearest the Clubhouse affected his second half display.

Wheeler, Read, Caveille, Sims and Hayes were the outstanding Kowloon players. Caveille was at the top of his form with the heavy going, and Sims was always dangerous, though it is a long time since I have seen any one player pulled up so often for infringements, though I must say some of them were rather obscure.

The referee came in for criticism at the end of the match for frequent use of the whistle for trivialities but, after all said and done, in a match where spirit was likely to creep in, it was better that he should err, if ever he did, in the way he did, rather than oppositely.

The re-play has been arranged for Wednesday at 4.30 p.m.

## THE JUNIOR FINAL.

No one expected the Recruit Reserves to defeat the Junior Shield holders in the final on Saturday, but the cricket match figures, 11 goals to 3 against them, also came in the nature of a surprise. The Surreys Reserves established a lead of four goals to one at the interval, and added seven in the second moiety. Stairs (five), Robinson (four), and Balam (two) netted for the Surreys Reserves, and Ozorio, Pereira, and Marcal (penalty) replied for the Portu-

## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day—

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Bengal, £150 n.

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Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n.

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Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

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Kowloon Wharves, £128 b.

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New Engineering, Tls. 5.80 b.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 108 b.

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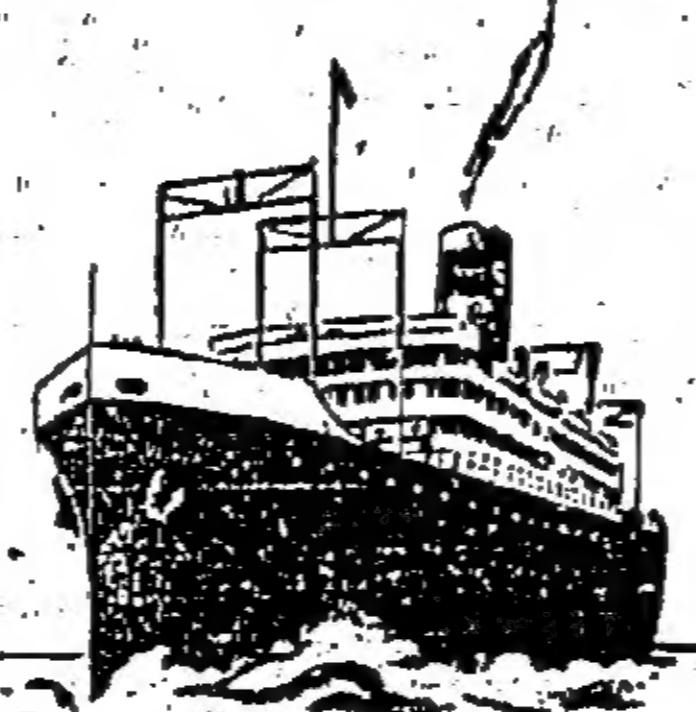
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### SAVE THE FRANC."

### MONEY FLOWING IN TO VOLUNTARY FUND.

### A Football Contribution.

Paris, April 17.  
A "save the franc" campaign is in full swing and donations to a voluntary fund to redeem the floating debt are flowing in from all sides, including 70,000 francs from the Principality of Monaco and 10,000 from the French Football Federation.—Reuters.

### MUKDEN AND MOSCOW.

### THE MATTER OF KARAKHAN'S SAFETY.

### A Soviet Warning.

Moscow, April 18.  
The report from Mukden that the Manchurian authorities have declared they will not accept responsibility for the personal safety of Karakhan in the event of Chang Tso-lin's troops occupying Peking, inspires a leader in the Izvestia complaining that the responsibility cannot be avoided by such "onesided declarations."

It adds that henceforth the Soviet Government will place the fullest responsibility for the personal safety of their Ambassador upon the Mukden armlets, and on Chang himself.

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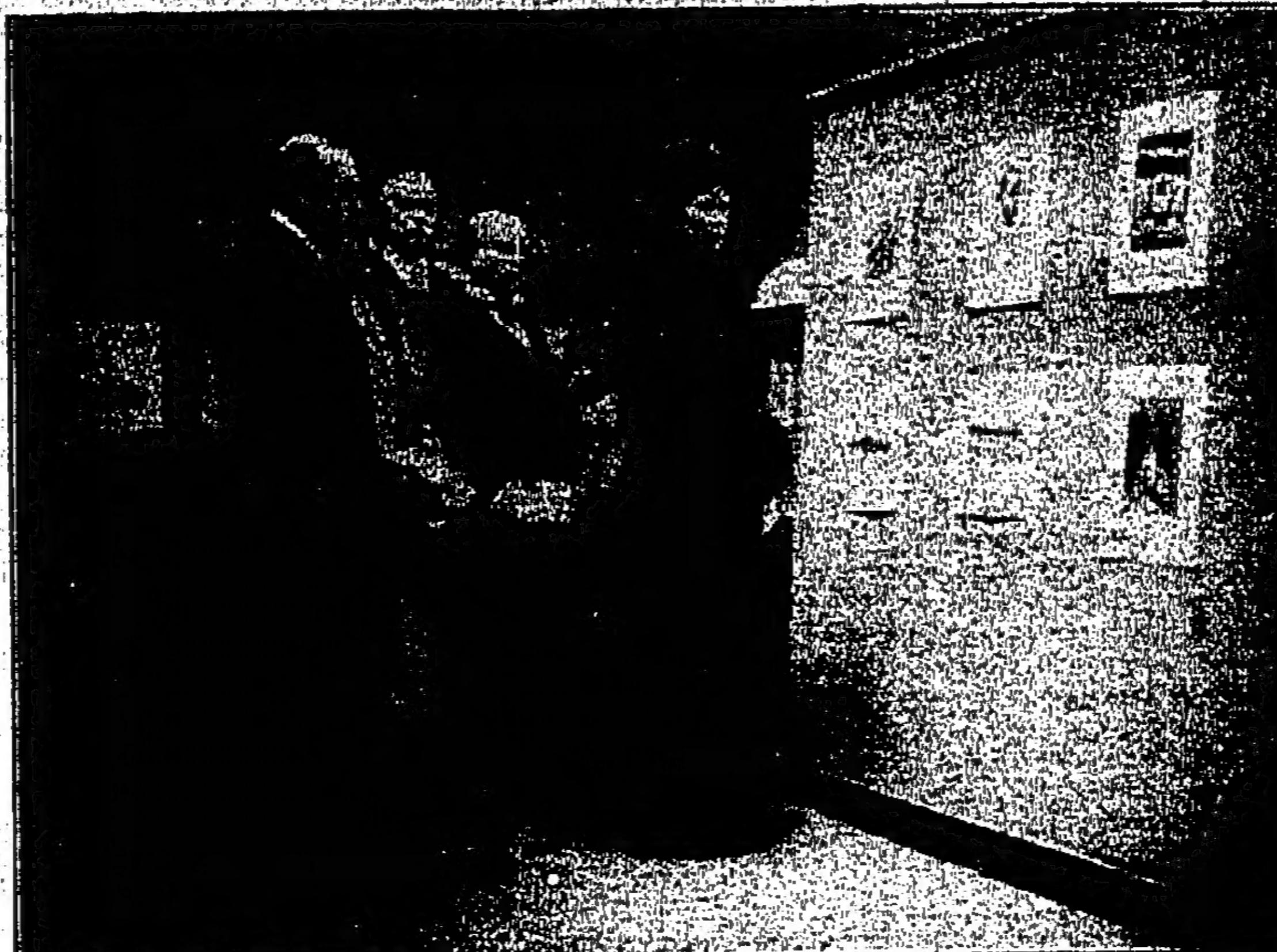
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This picture, taken at the League of Nations meeting in Geneva, shows Sir Austen Chamberlain in earnest conversation with M. Briand.

## GEN. TAN SPEAKS.

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exist too long already. As in the case of the stronghold in Chu-man, all previous Government attempts to eradicate the bandits have proved futile. It is our object and purpose to destroy the stronghold in the Pei-Pa hills, so that no more bandits will hereafter make the place a base from which to carry fire and sword to the homes of the people. This is all I have to report on the political situation up to the present moment. In closing, it is scarcely necessary for me to point out that the present situation requires promptitude and unity of action, since our opponents both from outside, as in neighbouring provinces, and from within our party, the ansi-revolutionaries, are gathering increasing strength to oppose our cause."

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Manila	Emp. of Asia	April 21.
Australia and Manila	Pres. McKinley	April 21.
Manila	Mishima Maru	April 22.
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Manila	Pres. Hayes	April 25.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang-hai	Pres. Taft	April 29.

### OUTWARD MAIIS.

For	Per	Date
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Saigon	Tilliwong	Mon., Apr. 19, 8.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe	Chenan	Mon., Apr. 19, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Carl Ligier	Mon., April 19, 5 p.m.
Europe Bayard	San Li	Mon., April 19, 5 p.m.
Europe via Marseilles	Kalyan	Tues., April 20, Registration 9.45 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Europe via Siberia	Registration	Letters 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Letters	10.30 a.m.
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Ald Maru Wed., April 21, Registration 8.45 a.m.

Letters 9.30 a.m.

(Due Thursday Island 3rd May).

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Hopson Wed., April 21, 1.30 p.m.

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